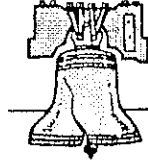


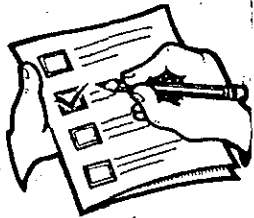
# The Groton Historical Society



## NEWSLETTER

GROTON, VERMONT

SUMMER 1994



The Annual Election of Officers of the Groton Historical Society was held on Tuesday, July 12, 1994.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

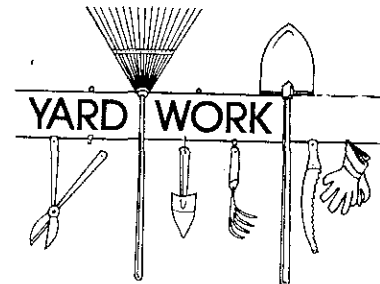
President: Alice Goodine  
 Vice President: Norma Hosmer  
 Secretary: Evelyn Ricker  
 Treasurer: Josephine French  
 Co-Signer: Dale Brown

Board of Directors:

(Consists of the 4 elected officers and:  
 Richard Brooks Term expires 1995  
 Willard Benzie Term expires 1996  
 Deane Page Term expires 1997

Board of Trustees:

Norma Hosmer Term expires 1995  
 Walter Main Term expires 1996  
 Richard Brooks Term expires 1997  
 Willard Benzie Term expires 1998  
 Deane Page Term expires 1999



Many people have put in many hours on the landscape work around our "House".

Harold Puffer and Milton Lamberton:

Provided sand for front of house.

Dale Brown and Deane Page:

Levelled off the front yard, planted grass, shrubs and tree.

Stan & Lucy Yarian:

Provided straw covering for lawn.

Andy Smith:

Mowed field behind the house.

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Brown:

Donated shrubs.

Norma Hosmer:

Donated tree.

Inside the House: Bing, Deane & Josephine removed all the old plaster in the shed.

David Puffer replaced the two chimneys

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LOOKING BACKWARD AND AHEAD

(Excerpt from "Mr. Glover's Groton")

A review of the past seventy-five years indicates that in many ways Groton has changed drastically. Agriculture has all but disappeared; there are only two sawmills operating and lumbering is no longer a major industry; the granite sheds and the small industries have closed; the railroad and busses, which once linked the town with the outside world, have faded from memory. Perhaps the single change which has touched the greatest number of people has been the transfer of responsibility for running the schools from the town to the union school district, unless it be the modern snowplows with their salting devices which keep the town roads open year round. Yes, in many ways Groton has changed drastically!

Nevertheless, in many ways Groton is the same today as it was at the turn of the century. A traveler who rode through the little village in 1900 and returned three-quarters of a century later might well be surprised at the few changes he would perceive. True, most of the roads are paved now, there are a few bright gas pumps, more modern signs, and here and there a new building, such as the modern firehouse, but our friend probably would not miss those buildings which burned over the last seventy-five years. Groton's early American and colonial architecture is still intact.

The same two churches still serve their respective memberships which have not varied greatly over the years. Most of the older families have remained in Groton, some of their children have

left home hoping to find better opportunity elsewhere, but there have been no drastic surges or declines in the population.

Perhaps the most significant change has been the gradual influx of newcomers who, contrary to Vermont tradition, have been accepted by the townspeople as these strangers offered to take part in the life of the community. Bringing new ideas, fresh viewpoints, and useful skills, these men and women have helped enrich the town. Assuming roles in the town government and the churches, on the school board, and in various organizations as well as in the business community, they are becoming a part of Groton's heritage as they bring new enthusiasm for today and hope for tomorrow.

Groton is a fortunate melding of the old and the new, the family with roots going back many generations, and the outsider who is made to feel welcome. It is indeed unique.

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The Groton Historical Society announces that The Historical House will be open for visitors each Sunday during the months of July and August, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.

You are all invited to drop in and look around this beautifully furnished old house. Even if you have been in to see it before, come again. Additional pieces are being added all the time, and it is well worth visiting again.

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WORD SEARCH

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| ALICE          | JOSEPHINE      |
| ANTIQUES       | KITCHEN STOVE  |
| BING           | LOVE SEAT      |
| BOOKCASE       | NORMA          |
| BUTTER CHURN   | ORGAN          |
| CLOTHES WASHER | PETER PAUL     |
| DALE           | PHOTOGRAPHS    |
| DEANE          | PUMP           |
| FAMILY TREE    | RICHARD        |
| FINE CHINA     | SPINNING WHEEL |
| FIREPLACE      | SWEAT SHIRTS   |
| FLAG           | TEA CART       |
| GLOVER         | WALL PHONE     |

THE OBJECT OF THIS PUZZLE IS TO FIND AND CIRCLE THESE WORDS IN THE  
 ABOVE MAZE. WORDS IN THE PUZZLE RUN IN ALL DIRECTIONS. THEY MAY  
 APPEAR FORWARD, BACKWARD, UP, DOWN OR DIAGONALLY. WHEN ALL THE  
 WORDS HAVE BEEN CIRCLED THERE IS ONE MORE "SECRET WORD" THAT TIES  
 THEM ALL TOGETHER.